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During the last four years, the number of Chinese scientific publications available to Western researchers has doubled, from about 70 to 140. Many of these are still popular journals classified more appropriately as industrial and technological. There are, however, many in priority fields of the natural sciences. There is even an atomic energy journal. Most of them are published by the Chinese Publishing House in Peiping.

On the question of content, there has been significant advance in quality during the past four years. Previously such articles were translated from foreign languages with little original contribution. At the present, however, original Chinese researchers are well represented. The field of native medicine has not advanced as rigidly as the others.

For the future, big strides can be anticipated as the whole Chinese public is being urged to "study science". This is being made almost a religion. "Nothing can be done without science" is one of the many slogans which occur daily in the press and popular literature.

It is likely that within three to four years Chinese Communist scientific literature will be of such quality that it will warrant a much more intensified intelligence coverage.